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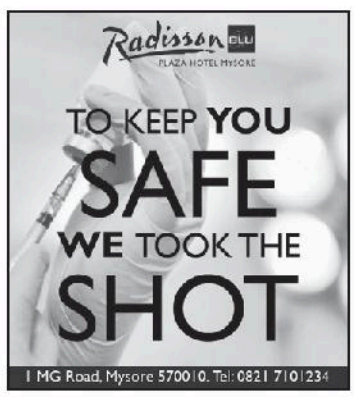

Long lockdown impact on Mysuru city

No decline in road accidents, deaths

Lack of drunken driving tests, reckless rides on free roads major causes

Mysuru, June 23 (RK&BCT)- The perception that the COVID-19 lockdown may have reduced the number of road accidents in city has been debunked by Traffic Police who said that the number of road accidents within Mysuru city limits has no way reduced despite restrictions on travel. Interestingly, the number of accidents from April to June was as much as the number of accidents that occurred from January 2021 to March — before the lockdown.

According to officials, while there is no major dip in the overall fatality or number of accidents, the accidents involving two-wheelers stand out during the lockdown period. In many accidents, both the rider and the pillion have been killed due to reckless driving on relatively free roads.

Six-month Data - City Limits

Month	Accidents	Deaths
January 2021	57	15
February 2021	58	10
March 2021	64	9
April 2021	42	9
May 2021	30	14
June 2021 (till date)	30	10

Traffic Police officials said that the high number of accidents and related fatalities are mainly due to riders not following traffic rules and increased instances of overspeeding on empty roads during the lockdown period.

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Mango sales turn sour on Highway

- Just 15 to 20 mango vendors line Mysuru-Hunsur Highway instead of the usual 300
- Mango vendors hit by poor sales as motorists do not stop fearing COVID risk

THEN & NOW: ***Mango vendors dot the Highway as customers stop to purchase the 'King of Fruits' before COVID, in 2018. Picture right shows a lone mango vendor on the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway yesterday (June 22, 2021) .***

Hunsur / Mysuru, June 23 (Raghu & BCT)- Pandemic-induced lockdown and restrictions have hit supplies and sales of mangoes in the peak season, causing losses to farmers and traders who are unable to market their produce and get proper prices. As a result of the lockdown, the sale of mangoes has nosedived too, much to the chagrin of fruit sellers.

Mysuru is a big trading centre for mangoes every summer season but this year the business volumes have declined. Though there is some amount of trade within the city as there is a small window of sale from 6 am to 10 am every day, mango sellers on the Highway Mandi on Mysuru-Hunsur Road are a worried lot as no vehicle stops by to buy the juicy fruits that have been arranged endearingly. The ever-busy Highway between Yelwal and Ankanahalli on the Mysuru-Hunsur Road used to be dotted with pushcarts selling mangoes, jackfruit, guavas and even pomegranates. As this is a mango season, 90 percent of the vendors sold mangoes.

(See MANGO on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Appointed as KPSC Members

Dr. Narendra

Mysuru, June 23- The State Government has appointed Dr. Shantha Hosamani, who is serving as Medical Officer (Blood Bank) at Bengaluru's K.C. General Hospital and Dr. H.S. Narendra, Professor of Orthopaedics at Rajarajeswari Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru, as Members of Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) for a period six years.

While Dr. Shantha Hosamani has been appointed under Officer category, Dr. Narendra has been appointed under Non-Officer category, according to an order issued by Dr. K. Anand, Deputy Secretary, Department of Personnel Administration and Administrative Reforms (DPAR).

The two seats had become vacant following the elevation of Shivashankarappa S. Sahukar, who was a member, as KPSC Chairman and retirement of S.H. Duggappa on May 31.

Dr. Narendra is an alumnus of JSS Medical College, Mysuru

A first batch (1984) student of JSS Medical College, Mysuru, Dr. H.S. Narendra has about 24 years of teaching experience in Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. He has served in various capacities before becoming Professor of Orthopaedics; presented papers and lectures in National and International seminars and did Fellowship in Trauma and Sports Medicine at Kantonsspital Baselland, Switzerland.

After completing MBBS from JSS Medical College in 1991 (Mysore University), he finished his Post-Graduation (M.S. Ortho) from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medical College, Bangalore University.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HEALTH OF THE NATION: ***With detected COVID cases touching 3 crore, it is entirely possible that many lakh citizens needed hospitalisation over the last year. Last month, the General Insurance Council revealed that insurers had received over 15 lakh claims. But this could just be a fraction of total claims that come in. And lakhs more would have availed treatment without the benefit of insurance. The 2017-18 NSO survey on healthcare had pointed out that more than 80% of Indians had no health insurance cover. The same report also revealed that just 42% of patients sought in-patient treatment at Government Hospitals, pointing to the extent of private care dependence for low-income Indians.***

For too long, most parts of India have underspent on public health. In 2018, just 4% of those who received in-patient medical care in Bihar Government Hospitals received free medicines against 89% in Tamil Nadu. One of every five BPL households blamed medical expenditure for their plight. The latest Economic Survey also pointedly warned Government of healthcare costs driving people to poverty, while suggesting a rise in public healthcare budgets to 3% of India's GDP. Given India's current unemployment crisis, such a boost in spending will also create lakhs of healthcare jobs. While Centre has rejected a PIL seeking Rs. 4 lakh compensation for the COVID dead, Governments must make an effort to figure out COVID hospitalisation-related indebtedness and make special payments for most deserving cases. And if this crisis doesn't spur greater public health expenditure, we truly wonder what will. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cookie-Cutter Sharks that bite even submarines

New York: Cookie-cutter sharks are a small species of shark about the size of a domestic cat which can attack predators several times their size, biting off conical chunks of their flesh, and even the soft parts of nuclear submarines.

The cookie-cutter shark (Isistius brasiliensis) was discovered in the early 19th century, by French naturalists, but it wasn't until the 1970s that marine scientists realized just how brave and dangerous these small marine creatures could be.

Up to that point, the conical, deep wounds that researchers often documented on all sorts of marine life, from small fish to dolphins and even great white sharks, were a mystery. It wasn't until 1971, when Everet Jones discovered small conical pieces of flesh in the stomachs of cookie-cutter sharks that marine scientists began to realize that the deceptively small sharks could severely wound some of the ocean's mightiest creatures.

North Carolina company creates human breast milk

North Carolina: A North Carolina-based start-up named BIOMILQ, recently announced that it has successfully created cell-cultured human milk from mammary cells, in a laboratory.

In this age of innovations, human breast milk made in the lab instead of inside a woman's breast really doesn't seem that strange, honestly. The breakthrough announced by BIOMILQ earlier this month really has the potential to disrupt the infant and baby industry as well as impact the environment, as over 10 percent of dairy today goes towards making baby formula. How the world reacts to lab-make breastmilk, on the other hand, is another matter.

While the mere though of lab-made breast milk is intriguing, the people at BIOMILQ stress that their product is not bio-identical to real breast milk, and they're not confident it will ever be.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Overweight can increase the chances of sleep apnea. This condition is most common in adults especially men above the age of 45 years. The person develops abnormal patterns in breathing while he/she is sleeping. Due to the blockage in airways, they can stop breathing upto 30 times an hour. CPAP therapy is a well-known treatment method.

Dr.Dathathri H.A. - *Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon & Cochlear ImplantSurgeon*

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According to the American journal of clinical nutrition, 99% of Americans consume too much salt. The RDA for salt is 1,500 MG. Most of the salt we consume is from packaged foods.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 21	JUNE 22
Day's Positive Cases	546	486
Total Positive Cases	1,62,629	1,63,115
Day's Discharges	1,161	1,245
Total Discharges	1,53,702	1,54,947
Day's Deaths	22	11
Total Deaths	2,035	2,046
Total Active Cases	6,892	6,122

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Moonlight Music tomorrow

Vid. Mysuru M. Nagaraj and Mysuru N. Kartik

Mysuru, June 23- As part of the monthly moonlight music programme of Suttur Mutt, violinists Vid. Mysuru M. Nagaraj and Mysuru N. Kartik will present a Violin Jugalbandhi (Digital) from Suttur Mutt in city at 6 pm on June 24. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

They will be accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghatam. The digital music concert can be accessed through: *YouTube: http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline OR Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP*, according to a release.

REALLY...?

- ***Crocodiles are the biggest reptiles on Earth. The smallest extant crocodile is the dwarf crocodile (Osteolaemus tetraspis), with a medium adult length of 1.5 m (4.9 ft). The maximum recorded length for this species is 1.9 m (6.2 ft). Despite being classified as "reptiles", crocodiles (and all crocodilians, including alligators) are more closely related to dinosaurs and birds (which are actually avian dinosaurs) than to most animals classified as reptiles.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two men are speaking. One says to another, *"I heard loud voice of your wife. What is the reason?"*

Other man, *"Oh! That's because I uploaded her photo on OLX instead of doing it on Facebook!!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.25
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.70
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.53

VOICE OF THE READER

How many unsung heroes

like Aiyanna are still frozen in time... but elsewhere?!

Sir,

The recent passing away of legendary sprinter Milka Singh, popularly known as Flying Sikh, has plunged our country into sorrow. Coincidentally, out of the blue, a pleasant forgotten fact has come to light about late Kunjiyanda Aiyanna, who had trounced the Flying Sikh in 100 metre race in 1951 and then several times over at the National level. (Refer *Star of Mysore* dated June 20, 2021)

Almost frozen in time for seventy long years, the son of a little State (Coorg, now Kodagu, lost its Statehood in 1956), but a king on the running track, Kunjiyanda Aiyanna is at least being remembered now through *Star of Mysore*.

Kunjiyanda Aiyanna in the first place and Milkha Singh second.

It is an open secret that South Indians are being discriminated by North Indians, especially in sports for a long time. In spite of all that South Indians are proving their prowess in many fields of activity by making our country proud more often than not.

Kodagu, known for its natural beauty, is also known for producing many stalwarts in the field of defence, sports, education etc.

We do not know how many Aiyannas are still frozen in time, not only from Kodagu, but elsewhere?!

—Harish
Chamarajapuram
21.6.2021

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled ***Booze Up!*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on page-1, it was inadvertently mentioned that Excise Dy.SP of Mysuru Sub-Division M. Mahadev gave details of liquor sales to *SOM*. The name of the Officer may please be read as **Excise DC (Mysuru Urban District) B. Madesh.** The error is regretted.—**Ed**

DST awards prestigious FIST Project to NIE

Mysuru, June 23- The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, has awarded the prestigious FIST (Fund for Improvement of S&T infrastructure in Universities and higher educational institutions) Project to the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru.

The FIST Project, started by DST in the year 2000, provides funding to higher education institutions in order to build strong Science and Technology infrastructure in the country. The project outlay of Rs.96 lakh will be utilised by NIE to establish a Centre of Excellence in 'Renewable Energy Sources, Battery Management Systems and Internet of Things.'

The multi-disciplinary research team of faculty led by Dr. H. Pradeepa, Professor and Head, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, who is also the Principal Investigator for the FIST Project, will be working during the project tenure of five years on the following core areas:

1. Development of high efficiency fast battery chargers for electric vehicles.

2. Sensor-less speed control of electric drives for electric vehicle application.

3. Development of control system for the proposed hardware set-up with real time interfacing and intelligent features to improve the controllability and reliability of the system

4. To conduct research on the impact of renewable energy systems in the grid and the power quality improvement features of grid-interfacing inverter using IoT.

Dr. N.V. Raghavendra, NIE Principal

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The project will give a boost to the ongoing research projects in the Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering. More importantly, this will also provide excellent placement opportunities for the students, who will get opportunity to execute real life projects in the emerging areas of technology.

NIE is exploring opportunities for collaboration with leading industries and research organisations in order to ensure that the Project will lead to commercially feasible outcomes.

The NIE-Eicher Centre for Automotive Technology (NECAT), which is imparting high quality training in automobile technologies for more than a decade, will see a major revamp, thanks to the FIST Project. The FIST Project team will work closely with NECAT to build strong training and research infrastructure in electric vehicle technology.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, NIE Principal Dr. N.V. Raghavendra said that NIE emerged successful in a highly competitive field of over one hundred Engineering Colleges and Universities all over India.

Sixteen proposals have been accepted by DST for funding out of a total of 212 proposals submitted related to emerging areas of technology, he said adding that the NIE proposal found favour because of meeting all quality benchmarks such as multi-disciplinary approach, excellent research profile, high quality research publications from NIE faculty, faculty strength reflected by more than 50 % faculty with PhD degree, accreditation by NBA & NAAC and good track record of successfully completing several research projects.

Incidentally, NIE was the recipient of its first FIST Project during the period 2014-2019, which focused primarily on automation technologies. The project, with a funding of Rs.97 lakh by DST, created a niche for NIE in multidisciplinary education, training and research in automation technologies, he stated.

State Govt. launches COVID Helpline number 0120-690-4999 for Divyangs

Bengaluru, June 23 (UNI)- Deputy Chief Minister and State COVID Task Force Head Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan on Monday launched the dedicated COVID Helpline set up for the specially-abled (Divyangs) by 'Sakshama' organisation.

The organisation which is working for the welfare of the specially-abled has set up the Helpline 0120-690-4999 and the help could be sought in Kannada, Hindi, English, Marathi, Telugu and Tamil languages.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan, who participated in the event virtually, said all the specially-abled are eligible to have BPL cards and they should avail all the benefits. He called upon the organisations to join hands with the Government in effectively implementing the various programmes meant for the welfare of the specially-abled.

The Divyangs should make use of the opportunities provided through reservation in employment and 4 percent budget allocation earmarked for their welfare purposes, he added.

Women Govt. employees now entitled to 180-day Child Care Leave

Bengaluru, June 23- In a significant move, the State Government has notified an order allowing its women employees to avail 180-day Child Care Leave. Any female Government employee is now entitled for Child Care Leave till her youngest child reaches the age of 18 years, irrespective of her total number of children.

State Government's Finance Department Deputy Secretary B.S. Suvarna in an order issued yesterday stated that women Government servants can now avail leave of a total 730 days during their entire period of service to take care of differently-abled or specially-abled children.

Earlier, during the Budget session, the State Government had announced a proposal to provide six months Child Care Leave to women employees of the Government.

D.K. Srinivasa Murthy is new DDPUE

The new DDPUE D.K. Srinivasa Murthy** (extreme left) **being felicitated by Mysuru District PU College Lecturers Association and Samarpana Trust.

Mysuru, June 23- Senior Education Officer D.K. Srinivasa Murthy took charge as the new Deputy Director of Pre-University Education (DDPUE) at the Department Office on N.S. Road here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that he has come to serve in Mysuru at a time when the District is battling the COVID-19 pandemic with all its might.

Noting that Mysuru is known as the cultural capital of the State, he said that his first priority is to increase pass percentage in all PU Colleges of the district.

Stating that focus will also be on unearthing sporting and cultural talent among students, he maintained that everything possible will be done to ensure that talented students excel in their respective field.

He further said that the Department would organise education quality enhancement workshops whenever necessary, during which resource persons will be invited to deliver lectures and impart training.

K.R. Pet Government PU College Principal Dinesh who also spoke, said that it is the responsibility of every teacher to identify talent among students. A teacher also should strive for making the students develop interest in academic subjects, he said and added that the teaching fraternity has the task of helping students achieve their goals.

Mysuru District PU College Lecturers Association President Yogananda, Principal Ramegowda, Samarpana Trust Treasurer and Lecturer Rajendra Prasad Honnalagere, M.S. Balasubramaniam and others were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Disruption in water supply

Due to maintenance work, water supply will be disrupted in the following areas today and tomorrow (June 23 and 24): MCC Ward Number 1 to 8, 17 to 27 and 42 to 45; Hebbal, Manchegowdanakoppal, Mahadeshwara Layout, Basavanagudi, Lokanayakanagar, Kumbarakoppal, Gokulam, Brindavan Extension, Metagalli, Bannimantap, Yadavagiri, Jayalakshmipuram, Vontikoppal, Paduvarahalli, Subbarayanakere, Tilaknagar, Mandi Mohalla, T.K. Layout, Janatanagar, Sharadadevinagar, Bogadi, Gangothri Layout, Vijayanagar and other areas, according to a press release from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW).

ZP's monthly KDP meeting

Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has convened its monthly KDP meeting for the month of June on June 24 at the ZP Hall at 2 pm. ZP Administrative Officer and Mysuru District in-Charge Secretary N. Jayaram will preside.

Calling SC community

Social Welfare Department has organised a phone-in programme to hear the grievances of people belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) community on June 25 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Department Office. Interested may call Ph: 0821-2344661 and air their grievances directly with the officers concerned, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	95.00	feet
Yesterday	:	94.46	feet
Inflow	:	9,647	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,294	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,275.92	feet
Inflow	:	3,923	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,000	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,838.42	feet
Inflow	:	940	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Install D. Devaraj Urs Statue in Mysuru: Samiti submits memorandum to CM

D. Devaraj Urs

Mysuru, June 23- A delegation of D. Devaraj Urs Pratime Prathishtana Samiti, led by D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman Raghu R. Kautilya, met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at his official residence 'Kaveri' in Bengaluru recently and submitted a memorandum to him seeking installation of a statue of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs in Mysuru.

Noting that D. Devaraj Urs hailed from Kallahalli in Hunsur taluk of Mysuru district, the delegation members argued that D. Devaraj Urs was a champion of Backward Classes and gave a voice to marginalised sections of the society. But it is unfortunate that Mysuru, which is the home district of the late former Chief Minister does not have a statue of him, they said.

Pointing out that the demand for installation of D. Devarj Urs statue in Mysuru is a long standing one, they maintained that the ideal place for the installation of the statue was in front of the new Deputy Commissioner's office in Siddharthanagar. They appealed the Chief Minister to initiate action immediately in this regard and give a shape to the plan before the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs, which falls on Aug. 20.

The Samiti Hon. President M. Chandrashekar, President Zakir Hussain, Hon. Advisor Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, members Dairy Venkatesh, H.J. Vishwanath and others were present during the occasion.

World Music Day: Musicians felicitated

Musicians, who were felicitated by K.M. Praveen Kumar Charitable Trust, in association with Mysuru Artistes Association, at Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises on Monday marking World Music Day, are seen with dignitaries.

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&SD)- As part of World Music Day celebrations, K.M. Praveen Kumar Charitable Trust, in association with Mysuru Artistes Association, had organised Sangeetha Kala Sarathi Award presentation ceremony and lecture programme at Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises on Monday.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, who presided over the programme, inaugurated the event and addressed the gathering.

"Several artistes have been severely hit by this lockdown. Due to this pandemic, art exhibitions could not be organised in city. Hence, we are planning to organise year-long art exhibition at Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises. A forum comprising of various artistes will be set up. We will speak with All India Radio and Department of Kannada and Culture regarding this matter," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Department of Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa said, "There are over 4,500 artistes in Mysuru. The Department is providing Rs. 3,000 as financial assistance to each of those artistes who are having tough time due to this pandemic and lockdown. We have already started distributing grocery kits to these artistes."

Later, Sangeetha Kala Sarathi Award was presented to Vid. Raghavendra Prasad (percussion instrument), Vidu. Shobha Raghavendra (classical music/ Gamaka), Vid. Raghunath (percussion instrument), Vid. Balakrishna (keyboard), Vid. Harish Pandava (Saxophone), Vid. Shanmuga (classical music/keyboard), Varalakshmi (vocalist) and Ruchita Rajesh (Sugama Sangeetha).

Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipuram Nambi Mutt, Melukote, Social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, BJP leader Yashaswi Somshekhar, senior artiste Amba Prasad, Bannur Parisara Jagruthi Vedike President Mahendra Singh Kalappa, Jeevadhara Girish, KMPK Trust President Vikram Iyengar and others were present during the occasion.

Obituary

M. Sham Sundar

Mysuru, June 23- M. Sham Sundar (52), Document Writer and son of late K. Muthukumar and a resident of Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Kanakadasanagar, passed away yesterday at his residence following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds today, according to family sources.

Sadiqa Begum

Sadiqa Begum, wife of late Dr. Syed Hussain (retired Assistant Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department) and a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Her husband had predeceased her on June 17.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday evening, according to sources.

COVID-19 Second Wave

Huge demand for vaccine in city

Many with suspected COVID symptoms too get vaccinated

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&KS)- The mega 'Lasika Mela,' launched on Monday in Mysuru to vaccinate people in the age group of 18-44 years received an overwhelming response on the second day yesterday too, with people in the said age group thronging the vaccination centres.

While a total of 39,869 people were vaccinated on Monday, 38,873 people, including health workers, frontline workers, priority groups and general public between 18 and 44 years received their jab yesterday.

There are a total of 177 vaccination centres in city including 28 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), District Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and Panchakarma Hospital among others where vaccination is being given and each centre is given a target to vaccinate 500 people a day.

Chamaraja Constituency: Vaccination drive at Chamaraja Constituency was led by MLA L. Nagendra. While residents of Ward No. 22 received their jab at Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women at Paduvarahalli, Ward No. 5 residents at Government School at Kumbarakoppal, Ward No. 4 residents took their vaccine at Bhyraveshwara School at Lokanayakanagar, Ward No. 3 residents were inoculated at Kodagu Gowda Samaja and Ward No. 41 residents were vaccinated at Maharani's Arts and Science College for Women on JLB Road.

Beneficiaries waiting for their turn to get the jab at Maharani's Arts and Science College on JLB Road yesterday.

MLA Nagendra said that apart from the PHCs, special vaccination drives were held at five more centres in Chamaraja Constituency and added that based on the availability of vaccines, the vaccination drives would be held.

COVID test mandatory: COVID test was made mandatory for those who had come to get their jab. There were thousands of people who had come to get vaccinated at various centres including Maharani's College. Separate arrangements were made for RT-PCR test registration and only after the beneficiaries underwent the test they were vaccinated.

Meanwhile, a few members of the public said that the results of RT-PCR test comes only after 24 hours and questioned, what if the person, who underwent RT-PCR test and then vaccinated tests positive for COVID-19 later, will the vaccine work on these people or is the vaccine given to them goes for a waste?

People with COVID symptoms too vaccinated: During the RT-PCR test at Maharani's College, the swab collector found nearly 20-25 people with the symptoms and asked them to undergo Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) as the results would be known immediately. But these people with symptoms not only refused to undergo RAT, they also took vaccine and returned. As there was huge rush at the centre, this issue had not come to light.

MCC Zone-6 Assistant Commissioner M. Karthik, Development Officer C. Manjunath and Environmental Engineer S. Mythri, who rushed to the spot, warned the people that vaccination would not be administered to those who do not undergo COVID test following which the people undertook the test.

In all, 891 people at Maharani's Arts and Science College, 610 at Maharani's Commerce and Management College and 2,000 people in MCC Zone-10 limits were vaccinated.

Vaccination for Scouts & Guides held

Mysuru, June 23 (RKB&SSV)- A special vaccination drive for 250 Scouts and Guides in the age group of 18 to 44 years was launched at Baden Powel School here yesterday.

P.G.R. Sindhia, former Minister and State Chief Commissioner of Scouts & Guides, inaugurated this drive. Of the total 250 beneficiaries, 50 are School staff, 100 Rangers & Rovers and 100 others. The drive began at 10 am and went on till 4 pm.

Speaking on the occasion, he said Scouts & Guides were doing yeomen service during COVID crisis. As many as 15,000 teachers were in touch with students in the current pandemic. The students have stitched around 60 lakh face masks and distributed among public. Besides, they have distributed food packets to thousands of people and 5,000 food kits to needy. A 40 Oxygen Concentrators Bank has been created to provide free Oxygen to poor people.

Sindhia said 15,000 Scouts and Guides had worked as volunteers in the SSLC annual examination in 2020 and planning to offer this service in the coming examination. At least 3-4 volunteers were rendering service at vaccination centres. They were taking online classes on yoga for the benefit of people. The Scouts & Guides Jamboree was last held in Mysuru and it was supposed to be held this year. However, in view of Corona, it may be held in North India, he added.

"I am in Congress"

Former Minister, P.G.R. Sindhia has said that he will be formally joining Congress Party soon. Clarifying that he had quit Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) long ago, he said he had joined the Congress during the Basavakalyana by-election. However, he will be soon joining Congress in the presence of senior leaders like Mallikarjun Kharge, D.K. Shivakumar, K.H. Muniyappa, Siddharamaiah and others. In the current situation, Congress was the only powerful and secular party in country.

On talks of next Chief Minister both in Congress and BJP camps, Sindhia said he did not want to comment on internal issues of other parties and such talks were not required at a time when the State has been gripped by Coronavirus.

Asked about a few Congress MLAs projecting former CM Siddharamaiah for the next term, he said such issues must not be discussed in public as their main aim must be to win the next Assembly polls. Both Shivakumar and MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan were working well by distributing food kits to thousands of people.

Two-day special vaccination drive

- 9,720 people vaccinated in K.R. Constituency
- Medical staff, Police, volunteers feted

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&KS)- Special vaccination drive held on June 21 and 22 at JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, in KR Constituency saw a total of 9,720 people being vaccinated in two days. Also, MLA S.A. Ramdas, yesterday felicitated doctors, medical staff, Cops and volunteers who had served during the special vaccination drive.

Speaking after the felicitation, Ramdas said that 9,720 people received their jab during the two-day drive and urged the eligible beneficiaries to take vaccination at the earliest. "Vaccination drive went on smoothly due to the efforts of doctors, medical staff, Police and volunteers and honouring these COVID Warriors, who had taken risk by working during the pandemic, was our responsibility," he added. Corporator Dr. Roopa, volunteers, BJP leaders and others were present.

2,105 street vendors vaccinated

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&SSV)- As many as 2,105 roadside vendors were vaccinated at a special vaccination drive organised by MCC here on Monday.

The street vendors have been recognised in priority group and instructions were given for inoculating them as they come in contact with the general public. Based on the orders from the State Government, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy had ordered holding a special drive for them at four Assembly Constituencies between 10 am and 5 pm. Accordingly, 2,105 street vendors got vaccinated on Monday. While vendors of KR Constituency were vaccinated at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Community Hall near Sterling Talkies, vendors of Chamaraja, NR and Chamundeshwari Constituencies received jabs at Town Hall, Jabbar Function Hall on Mahadevapura Road and at Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Park respectively.

MIS-C cases see an increase in Mysuru

11 children being treated at Cheluvamba; Do not neglect, doctors warn parents

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru is seeing more cases of a rare inflammatory syndrome in children, a post-COVID-19 complication that was reported during the first wave too. Known as **Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C),** this is a rare complication characterised by fever, inflammation and multi-organ dysfunction that typically manifests two weeks after the child has been cured of COVID-19, doctors said.

Already, 11 children in Mysuru have been affected by MIS-C and one child has died so far. Sources from State-run Cheluvamba Hospital told *Star of Mysore* that all the 11 children are being given special care at COVID child wards.

According to doctors and paediatricians, MIS-C is being reported in around 0.5 percent of children, who have recovered from COVID-19. More than 50,000 children in 0-9 age group have been infected in Karnataka since March 1, says the State Government data.

This is a disease which sets in 2-6 weeks after a child has recovered from COVID and as the pandemic had peaked in April-May, doctors are detecting children with MIS-C in the last two to three weeks, said a doctor at Cheluvamba who wanted to be anonymous.

Child patients are affected with persistent fever, skin rash and reddening of tongue, mouth and eyes. In some cases, liver, kidney or cardiac functions too were found affected. Usually, a persistent fever makes the family investigate and it comes to light after blood tests. There are cases where there is bleeding in the skin and gastrointestinal symptoms.

The acute aspect of the disease is when cardiac functions are affected. "In such cases, cardiac contractions come down which leads to heart pumping less blood. Children who go on to develop MIS-C, some organs and tissues such as the heart, lungs, blood vessels, kidneys, digestive system, brain, skin or eyes, become severely inflamed. Since our experience with MIS-C after COVID is limited, we are still trying to find out different aspects," said Medical Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital Dr. Sudha Rudrappa.

She said that early diagnosis of Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in children can significantly reduce morbidity and the condition can be treated well with therapies like steroids. Parents and caregivers must not take fever in their children lightly as some children were asymptomatic, Dr. Sudha explained.

Any child with three days of fever, with signs of at least two organ involvements, for instance, diarrhoea, vomiting, breathlessness, fatigue, rashes, conjunctivitis etc., with the history of COVID infection must be taken to the doctor immediately for further evaluation, she added.

One case of Delta Plus variant comes to light

Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar confirms about deadly infection in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&BCT)-

Dr. K. Sudhakar

There are over 40 cases in the country of the new Delta Plus strain, which has been tagged as a "Variant of Concern" by the Centre and the Government has sent a warning to Maharashtra, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh on Delta Plus cases found there.

Sources say that cases of the new strain, a mutation of the Delta strain or B.1.617.2 variant first detected in India, are not confined to these States.

Delta Plus variant is closely related to the Delta variant, a major contributor to the second wave of COVID-19 in India. Like Delta, the Delta Plus variant has mutation in the spike protein region of the RNA virus, which potentially makes it more transmissible and it is resistant to monoclonal antibody cocktail treatment for COVID-19 recently authorised in India

In Mysuru too, one Delta Plus strain has been confirmed and 40 blood samples have been sent to National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru and the test results are awaited. The confirmed case of Delta Plus variant n Mysuru was reported on June 2, Dr. V. Ravi, Nodal Officer for genomic confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 in Karnataka told newsmen.

"The sample was collected in May and sent to the genome sequencing lab in NIMHANS. The variant was not named Delta Plus then and the male patient was asymptomatic and had not been vaccinated. He is doing fine now," Dr. Ravi was quoted as saying.

Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar confirmed to reporters in Bengaluru this morning that one case of Delta Plus variant has been detected in Mysuru. "Yes, the patient is asymptomatic and has not contracted the disease from any contact. Six laboratories would be opened across the State to detect Delta Plus variant," he said.

"The 40 samples that have been sent to NIMHANS have been collected in Mysuru in the last seven days and as of now, there is no confirmation of Delta Plus variant in Mysuru and people need not panic," said Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham. District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad said that the sample of Delta Plus variant was collected in May and as such there is no need to panic.

The World Health Organisation classifies a variant as one of concern when it is associated with an increase in transmissibility or detrimental change in COVID-19 epidemiology, increase in virulence or change in clinical disease presentation or decrease in the effectiveness of public health and social measures or available diagnostics, vaccines, therapeutics.

3.4 lakh children likely to be hit during third wave: Panel

"Ensure 'ring immunisation' of all adults around children on a war-footing"

Bengaluru, June 23 (KMS&BCT)- The high-level expert committee set up by the State Government to analyse, advise and control the third wave of COVID-19 has estimated that around 3.4 lakh out of the total 2.3 crore population in the State, who are in the 0-18 age group might get infected during the peak of third wave.

Dr. Devi Shetty

The 13-member Committee headed by eminent Cardiologist Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty submitted its 92-page interim report to Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa yesterday where it has recommended reopening of schools and colleges in a staggered manner.

The Committee arrived at three models of best, worst and moderate case scenarios depending on the virulence and transmissibility. For the worst case scenario, Karnataka will need 27,205 general beds, 13,602 ICU/HDU beds and 54,409 COVID Care Centre beds. For the moderate case situation, the State will need 23,804 cases, 6,801 HDU/ ICU beds and 43,358 CCC beds. Similarly, for the best case scenario, the State will need 13,602 general beds, 6,801 ICU/ HDU beds and 30,605 CCC beds.

"Based on the projections by Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), 80-85 percent of children are likely to get mild disease (asymptomatic). Most of these children can be managed at home with clear guidelines on home isolation. About 15 percent of infected children may not have facilities for home isolation and may require COVID Care Centres (CCCs)," the Committee has said.

Augmenting facilities

The report which is yet to be formally accepted by the Government reads, "The existing COVID facilities and Special Neonatal Care units (SNCUs) should be augmented; the number of beds available should be enhanced by at least 10 percent. These facilities should have provisions to allow the parents to be with the child; separate areas could be earmarked within the COVID Care facilities for the children and their parents."

Other than increase in infrastructure, the report recommended strengthening of HDU/ ICU care within existing paediatric facilities for managing Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). The report also noted that there is a need to strengthen existing health facilities, particularly District Hospital and secondary care facilities for provision of assured non-COVID-19 critical care. The report further detailed the need for hiring adequate manpower like from specialist doctors to nurses and equipment from basic measuring tape to non-invasive ventilators at an institute level.

Ring immunisation

The Committee also feared that any further delay in reopening of schools could make children vulnerable to malnutrition, child labour, child marriage, trafficking and begging. It has recommended that the Government must focus on vaccinating the entire staff members of all colleges and schools in order to create "ring immunisation" of all adults around children on a war-footing.

"Ring immunisation means vaccinate all adult members of a child/children's family, school staff, transport vehicle staff, boarding staff and others who directly come in contact with a child in schools and in the family. Besides, the Government must announce Rs. 2 lakh insurance coverage to all students who are not eligible for vaccination yet, which will encourage parents to send their wards to schools," the Committee said.

Impact on children won't be severe: DHO

Mysuru, June 23 (SBD&BCT)- Despite more than 5,000 children — as per conservative estimates — in the age group of 0 to 10 being hit by COVID 19 since the first wave, the Mysuru District Health Officer (DHO) has clarified that the impact of the third wave will not be of that severity as is being projected.

Dr. K.H. Prasad

Citing statistics, DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad said that the effect of the potential third wave is being analysed based on the infection pattern in the first wave and the second wave and it is not right to say that the third wave will majorly affect children and a majority of them will be infected.

"Since March 2020 in Mysuru, there are 1.63 lakh infections and the data says only two to three percent of the children have been affected. In June this year, out of 19,000 positives, only 700 children (3.6 percent) were infected. And till date, nine child deaths have been reported," he clarified.

MLAs distribute Tablet PCs to degree students

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&SSV)- Tablet PCs to 1st year students of Higher Education were distributed to students symbolically at two Government Colleges here this morning. This is as part of the State Government's ambitious scheme of distributing 1.55 lakh Tablet PCs to the students of Government Colleges following upgradation in the teaching methodology in tune with new National Education Policy (NEP).

At a function held at Maharani's Commerce & Management College for Women on Valmiki Road, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra distributed Tablet PCs symbolically to the students of Arts, Science and Commerce streams.

S.B. Appajigowda, Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, said that the distribution of Tablet PCs was as part of the smart class concept envisaged by the Government. This will enable the students to sit in the college corridors to listen to lectures beamed from the centralised system.

Dr. Mahadevaswamy, Principal, Maharani's Commerce & Management College, Dr. B.T. Vijay, Lead College Principal, Dr. K.K. Padmanabha, Principal, Maharani's Science College and Mahesh, Superintending Engineer, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), were present.

In another function held at Govt. First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas gave away Tablet PCs symbolically to students of Kuvempunagar and Siddarthanagar First Grade Colleges (FGCs). He said that Prime Minister Modi aims to make India a global leader by 2030. As part of this, a lot of impetus is being given to Higher Education. Accordingly, a new NEP is being implemented to prepare youths for all sectors. NEP is being implemented from the current academic year but in a phased manner. The State Governments have been given special financial aid to change the mode of teaching in Government Colleges to prepare the students for the future challenges.

Dr. N. Ragini, Principal, Government FGC, Kuvempunagar and Dr. Raviprakash, Principal, Government FGC, Siddarthanagar, were present.

Poor response to 'Voluntary Checking Points'

City Police resume random vehicle checking drives

File photo

Mysuru, June 23 (MK, RK& BCT)- The over 10 'Voluntary Checking Points' or 'Self-Checking Points' at all Traffic Sub-Divisions where people can walk into the counter to check if there are any traffic violation cases booked on their vehicles has received poor response from the people.

These voluntary centres have been shelved for now due to the lockdown and they will start functioning as soon as the lockdown is lifted. These kiosks were opened across the city from Apr. 1 this year as part of new people-friendly rules formulated after the death of a two-wheeler rider while escaping a Police documentation check drive at Hinkal in March this year.

The kiosks were open between 10 am and 5 pm every day and from Apr. 1 till Apr. 28 (before lockdown), only 597 people voluntarily paid fine and the Police managed to collect Rs. 3,67,300. After Apr. 28, not a single rupee was collected from the kiosks and the situation worsened during lockdown.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that they have not discontinued the Voluntary Checking Points. "We will reopen them after the lockdown and give one more chance for people to pay voluntary fines instead of burdening themselves with violation fines," he said.

On an average, when the traffic checking on the roads were in full swing, every day the traffic Policemen used to book more than 500 cases. "There are thousands of violators but they have not opted for these unique Voluntary Checking Points and it is a sad development," said a Police officer.

Meanwhile, the Traffic Police have started the vehicle checking drive at various circles, roads and junctions in city, combining it with lockdown violation penalisation and seizing of vehicles under the provisions of Disaster Management Act. "Every day we are booking motorists for helmet-less riding, speaking over phone while driving; triple riding and the likes and we are booking an average of 150 to 200 cases. Also, people who violate lockdown norms too are being booked.

No decline in road accidents

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In January this year, 57 accidents were reported resulting in 15 deaths, in February, there were 58 accidents and 10 deaths. March saw a sudden steep with 64 accidents and 9 deaths. From April this year, despite Government warnings that lockdown would be imposed to restrict travel, the numbers stood at 42 accidents and 9 deaths. The lockdown was imposed in the last week of April and in May, Mysuru reported 30 accidents that resulted in 14 deaths.

Till date in June, 30 accidents and 10 deaths have been reported and in a couple of cases, more than two persons have been killed in a single accident. "People are taking things for granted and most of these cases are due to rash and negligent driving. Moreover, cases of triple riding, helmet-less riding have become common," a Traffic inspector told *Star of Mysore*.

People drive carefully only when there is no lockdown and when most vehicles are on road. Free movement causes more accidents. "This shows the need for enforcement of traffic rule. Fewer people are following traffic rules which have led to a majority of accidents," he added.

Breath analyser tests

Another major cause for accidents is the discontinuation of breath analyser tests by the Police. Ever since the pandemic has struck Mysuru in 2020, the Police have not taken up drunken driving tests through breath analysers. "The nature of the virus spread through contacts (through aerosols) has forced us to discontinue the breath analysers. We don't want to put people's lives in jeopardy. But the downside is that people are riding bikes and driving cars after drinking. As such, the accident rate too has gone up," the Inspector confided.

The flip side of lockdown is that it has also hit repairs of signal lights and CCTV cameras at junctions. Of the 51 signal lights, 36 are working and 15 defunct, of the 59 CCTVs, only 45 are working and 14 are in non-working state. "We have already assigned the work to the contractor and he will take up the works after lockdown is lifted," a Traffic Police Officer said.

Mango sales turn sour on Highway

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Usually, the moment one crossed Hinkal Flyover, one could not miss the mango lots arranged in triangular shapes with semi-ripe ones at the bottom and ripe and aromatic ones on top. Both sides of the Highway used to be dominated by these pushcarts every fruit season and during summer, there used to be mushrooming of stalls selling the 'King of Fruits.'

This year, however, there are not many pushcarts on the stretch as most of the vendors have realised that there will be no buyers. Now one can find just 15 to 20 such carts on the road instead of more than 300 vendors on either side.

Getting fruits from various villages like Nagawala, Benkipura and surrounding areas, the vendors stood all day to make some money. But this year, not many vehicles heading towards Kodagu, Hassan and K.R. Nagar stop here due to the risky nature of COVID virus spread. Varieties of mangoes like Badami, Malagova, Neelam, Rasapuri, Thotapuri, Baganapalli, Sindoora, Neelam, Langda, Alphonso, etc. are being sold here this year but there are no customers.

"Limited supplies, lack of sales and the pandemic have combined to ruin our lives. Sales have taken a sharp hit due to the on-going pandemic and the fruits get spoilt. Till last year, we managed to make minimal profits on many days and on some days, profits are good. This year, it is a washout," Nagaraja, a fruit vendor told *Star of Mysore*.

"Our income has come down by 75 percent and we wait for buyers from dawn to dusk. On many days, we either throw away the ripe fruits by the side of the road or feed cattle," he added.

"There has been bumper harvesting of mangoes this season. However, the fruit is not attracting customers in view of the prevailing situation. Also, COVID infection is not getting contained. I am quite sure the lockdown will get extended, which will compound our woes," said Harish, another vendor.

Yoga Session by Guruji

Mysuru, June 23- Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised Pan India Online Sri Sri Yoga Level-1 programme from June 24 to 27 between 6 am and 8 am.

Sri Ravishankar Guruji too will take a session during the programme. To register online, log on to: ***http://aolt.in/570638***

For assistance, contact Mob: 94480-48488 or 98457-23350.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka talks from dehorning of cattle to dogs shedding hair

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Why is dehorning of cattle practiced?

It is not done to help the animals. Dehorning is practiced because cattle without horns are easier to handle. Dehorned animals also require less space in the pen, and at the feeder, than horned animals. The most commonly used procedures today are hot-iron disbudding, chemical disbudding (through the application of a caustic paste), and amputation dehorning. Whilst disbudding is usually performed during the first 4 to 6 weeks of the animal's life, when the horn buds are between 5 and 10 mm long, dehorning is performed once the horn is formed. All these are extremely painful procedures. In some of them the animal can even die.

Why do male birds fight over access to females and not the other way around?

Two reasons: Males outnumber females, so they fight over access to females. The second is that females prefer stronger, more capable, better providing males. The fights are not necessarily vicious ones. They could be about building rival houses, or being brighter in colour, or singing better. The female is looking for husband material and someone who will have stronger genes to pass on to their children. On average, males outnumbered females by around 33%.

Why do dogs shed more hair during summer?

Seasonal shedding occurs as a result of rise in temperature. This process is known as "blowing coats". When the weather warms, dogs shed their old winter upper coats to make way for a lighter summer coat. However, this is not a lot of hair. If large amounts of hair is being shed, the causes have to be seen immediately. They can range from allergies to mange to fungal infections to malnutrition.

Why do dogs salivate more during summers?

Excess salivation, or drooling, occurs when environmental temperature rises. Dogs breathe through their mouths and put their tongues out to cool down the blood temperature. Constant sticking out of tongue leads to more salivation. Drooling for a longer period can be the sign of heat stroke, or it can also represent tooth decay and gum inflammation.

Why do newborn puppies whine a lot? And how to stop them whining?

Newborn puppies are learning how to communicate their needs and wants. They whine a lot more to get the attention. Sometimes they whine when they are in pain, or they are hungry, or they are separated from the warm body of their mother. In order to stop the whining, observe their behaviour and give them what they need.

What are community dogs and community cats?

Community Cat is a term used to describe outdoor, unowned, free-roaming cats. These cats could be friendly, feral, adults, kittens, healthy, sick, altered or unaltered. A Community Dog is a dog that is not confined to a yard or house. These include street dogs, village dogs, stray dogs, feral dogs, etc., and may be owned or unowned. Such dogs are cared for by one owner or a community of owners, and are able to roam freely. Community Dogs and community cats are the ones roaming freely and which are taken care of by the community or even a single person from the community/ locality.

Can a pregnant animal be vaccinated?

In general, vaccinations are not recommended for pregnant animals. The first half of the pregnancy is the most vulnerable time for foetal development. Vaccines, that are modified live (versus killed), are not considered safe at any time of the pregnancy. Killed vaccines, such as rabies vaccines, may be given during pregnancy (especially during the latter half of gestation), but are not recommended. There may be situations where vaccination may be advised to protect the mother's health. However, one should avoid vaccinating animals in the last month of pregnancy, as the animal, as well as the foetus, could be injured during restraining.

Can a pregnant animal be dewormed?

Pregnant animals, such as cattle, should be dewormed near the time of calving and again 6-7 weeks after calving, after consultation with a veterinarian. It is particularly important to deworm pregnant dogs in order to prevent them from transferring intestinal parasites to their puppies.

According to Revival Animal Health, as a mother dog becomes heavily pregnant and stressed late in her pregnancy, parasites become active. Because the mother dog has the lowest resistance to parasites at this time, she's at risk of developing a significant parasite load, and this can have implications for the puppies. Puppies will be born with sterile guts, and mothers provide the puppies with good bacteria through their milk.

This bacteria then helps the puppies' digestive systems. However, the same milk that provides the puppies with good bacteria can also transmit parasites, including roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, Coccidia, and Giardia. With proper deworming you can control the parasites, so they don't take root in the puppies and get out of control.

What should we do if a rabid dog bites an animal?

Wash the wound of the bitten animal immediately, under running tap water, for 5-10 minutes. In absence of a tap, pour clean water from a vessel. Clean the wound with ordinary bath soap gently. Apply tincture iodine and take the animal to the nearest Veterinary Officer.

If the animal that bit your pet can be captured, have the animal isolated and if he dies, his brain tested for rabies. If the test is negative for rabies and your pet has not been vaccinated, you should vaccinate your pet immediately. If the biting animal tested positive for rabies and the pet is current on its rabies vaccination, the pet should be given a booster vaccine immediately.

Observe your pet for 45 days for any symptoms of rabies after the booster shot. If the biting animal tests positive for rabies and your pet has never been vaccinated, the recommendation is to put the pet down. If you are unwilling to euthanise the pet, it must be confined for 6 months and vaccinated against rabies (the rabies vaccine must be administered at least 1 month prior to release). All species of livestock are susceptible to rabies. As with domestic pets, livestock that have been vaccinated for rabies should be revaccinated immediately and observed for 45 days.

My dog's eyes are red. What could be the problem?

If your dog's eyes appear visibly red or swollen, it could be a sign of something as minor as an irritation or mild allergy, or as serious as eye disease. Redness, swelling and discharge can indicate a wide array of issues for dogs, from harmless, mild allergies, to something far more serious. Some of the most common causes of red, bloodshot, and/ or weepy eyes in dogs include, eye injury or trauma, such as a scratch or foreign object in the eye, allergies, conjunctivitis, glaucoma, dry eye syndrome, uveitis and corneal ulcers. Red eyes can also be caused by underlying medical issues like hyperthyroidism, diabetes and some cancers. Sometimes a red eye is simply a temporary reaction to a mild irritant but never take this lightly.

Does tick fever affect the lifespan of dogs?

Any disease reduces a lifespan. Tick fever is a broad generic term that identifies a group of diseases. As ticks suck the blood of a dog, they transmit a large number of diseases, including Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Ehrlichiosis, Q fever, and Lyme disease. Skin wounds, caused by ticks, can lead to secondary bacterial infections and screwworm infestations.

Severe tick infestations can lead to anaemia and death. Toxins from these ticks may cause paralysis. Chronic problems from Lyme disease may include kidney, heart or neurologic problems. In dogs, the most common of these chronic problems is possibly irreversible kidney failure.

How to stop dogs from being over-possessive of their owner and nipping people around them?

Stopping dogs from being over-possessive and nipping people around them is not difficult. You just have to stop giving him unlimited attention, teach him to cope up with being alone, encourage him to bond with other people and enforce some ground rules and boundaries. Actually, it's a blessing when the dog shows its protective stance during emergency situations, but it's another matter when they are trying to protect their owners from somebody who isn't doing anything wrong.

How fast can distemper kill a puppy?

Almost no puppies survive distemper and they have complications such as pneumonia and encephalitis. The terminal stage for Canine Distemper is usually 2-4 weeks after infection; however, if the nervous system is affected, most die within days.

Do dogs like travelling in cars or riding on scooters?

All dogs are different. While some dogs really love to ride in a car or on a scooter, it isn't true in the case of all the dogs. If they are not used to it, travelling with your dog can be a stressful activity for your pet, as you are taking them out their normal routine and they might be easily scared and anxious during the travel.

Do stray dogs feel lonely or left out or feel a lack of love?

Indian dogs are community dogs. They do not move in packs. They like human communities and prefer to live near them, no matter how brutally they are treated. They need affection as pets do. They have made themselves utterly and completely dependent on humans.

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Three Yoga exponents felicitated

Mysuru, June 23- Marking International Day of Yoga, three Yoga exponents were felicitated at a Yoga presentation programme organised under the aegis of Suvarna Belaku Foundation at Karnataka Hoysala Sangha office in Lakshmipuram here on Monday.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, Manjunath Singh, owner of a Sportswear Shop in the city, said that today's life was full of stress, fatigue and anxiety and performing Yoga would help relieve the stress, both physical and mental. Highlighting the benefits of Yoga, he said that Yoga has been receiving all the more attention, with the entire world battling the deadly COVID pandemic. Pointing out that regular practice of Yoga and other physical exercise will help in keeping the body and mind fit, he asserted that there is nothing above Yoga for relieving stress.

Contending that practicing Yoga regularly will help keep diseases and virus attacks at bay, he underlined the importance of teaching Yoga to others and at the same time to launch campaigns and educative programmes on the importance of learning Yoga.

Himalaya Foundation President N.Ananth said that Mysuru is known for Yoga not only nationally, but also internationally. Noting that many people often tend to mistake Yoga for mere physical exercise, he emphasised on the need for sensitising the people that Yoga is very much more than simple exercises. He called upon everyone to practice Yoga for their own health and well-being and also to stay physically fit.

Noted Diabetologist Dr. Renuka Prasad said that Yoga too is among the ways of treating Diabetes. Contending that Diabetes in a deep-rooted health problem in most of the patients, he said that practicing Yoga will help in easing the tensions and anxiety which largely helps in the control of Diabetes. Explaining the benefits of Yoga for diabetic patients, he maintained that blood sugar levels can be brought under control by relentless practice of Yoga.

Noted Yoga Exponents Ravi, B. Sujatha and Ravi Kumar were felicitated on the occasion.

Suvarna Belaku Foundation President S.Mahesh Nayak, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha Secretary Ranganath, International Chess Master Vijayendra, Cable Ravi, Shivu, Kumar, Srikanth, Harshavardhan, Lokesh and others were present.

Postal Department creates awareness on Yoga

Saraswathipuram Head Post Office stamps over 2,000 letters, parcels with Yoga Day seal

Mysuru, June 23 (RKB& BNR)-In a bid to create awareness about the importance of Yoga on the occasion of International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations on June 21, Head Post Office on Ashoka Road near Nehru Circle and Saraswathipuram Head Post Office stamped thousands of letters and parcels with Yoga Day seal on that particular day.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Saraswathipuram Head Post Office Post Master P.K. Seethamma said that at Saraswathipuram Head Post Office alone, 2,158 letters which were to be dispatched and 277 Registered Post/ Parcels were sealed on IYD.

State Govt. extends 5% rebate on Property Tax payment till July 31

Bengaluru, June 23 - The State Government has extended the five percent Property Tax rebate offered to taxpayers till July 31. The order stated that the decision to extend the last date of the property tax rebate was taken since it would be difficult for the property owners to pay the tax during the lockdown. Two percent penalty will be levied for property tax remittance from Aug. 1. The order is applicable for all civic bodies in the State (Municipalities as well as Corporations), except for BBMP, according to a release.

Virtual Yoga Session by JSS AHER

Mysuru, June 23- On 7th International Day of Yoga (IDY), JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Sri Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Mysuru, Department of Yoga & NSS, had organised Virtual Yoga Session "Be with Yoga, Be at Home." The programme was streamed live on JSS AHER Youtube Channel on June 21 between 6.30 am and 8 am.

The IDY 2021 Session started with virtual inauguration by Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER and Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director (Academics), JSSAHER.

General public and other authorities of JSSAHER actively participated in the Session as Yoga is the best preventive medicine available for mankind to control stress and modulate the immune system in the present pandemic times, said Dr. Kushalappa.

Applications invited for Library Supervisor

Mysuru, June 23-The Office of the Panchavalli Gram Panchayat (GP), Periyapatna taluk, has invited applications for the post of Supervisor in GP Library. Selected candidate will be eligible for honorarium of Rs. 12,000 per month. Interested SSLC pass candidates may obtain the prescribed application form from the Panchavalli GP office and submit the duly filled-in form, along with all necessary documents, to the Panchavalli GP office, according to GP Development Officer.

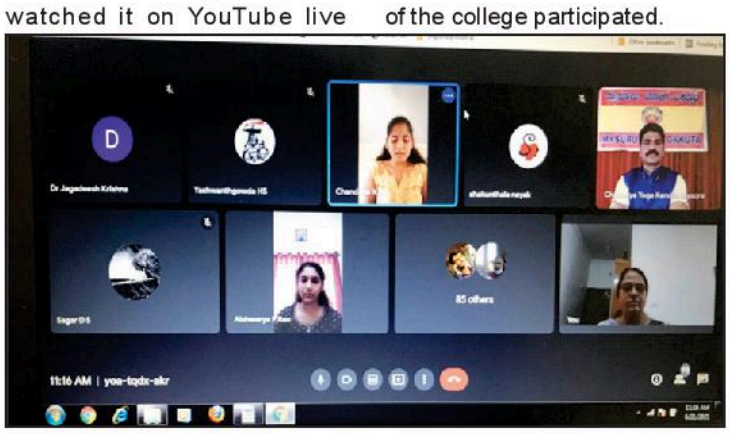
Webinar on 'Role of Yoga in Managing COVID-19'

Mysuru, June 23- Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, had organised a one-day webinar on "Role of Yoga in Managing COVID-19" as part of International Day of Yoga on Monday.

Resource person Yogacharya Dr. B.P. Murthy, Founder of Chaitanya Yoga Kendra, President of Yoga Okkuta, Mysuru and Karnataka Yogasana Sports Association, delivered a talk on the topic. Following the protocol of Department of AYUSH, he gave practical demo by making the participants to perform Yoga, taking care of their age and health conditions.

The presentation well supported the theme of Yoga Day-2021, 'Yoga for Wellness.' Nearly 100 participants attended on Google Meet and other participants watched it on YouTube live stream using the link.

Dr. B.M. Subraya, President, SVEI, N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary, SVEI, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, SVEI, were the other dignitaries who attended the webinar. Dr. Devika delivered the inaugural address. Aishwarya Rao, a final year student, was the moderator. D.S. Sagar, Vice-President of Student Forum, welcomed. Chandana, a final year student, introduced the guest. Ashok proposed a vote of thanks. More than 250 students of the college participated.



WORD OF THE DAY

Manavelins

Pronunciation: muh-nav-uh-linz.
Meaning: Miscellaneous scraps or small items, especially of food or gear.
Origin: Manavelins, "miscellaneous pieces of gear and material; odds and ends; leftovers or scraps (of food)," is originally sailors' slang. Like many slang terms, manavelins has no reliable etymology, which helps explain the many variant spellings, such as manavalins, manarvelins, malhavelins. There is a likely connection between manavelins and the verb manarvel, manavel "to pilfer from a ship's stores," another item of nautical slang of unknown origin. Herman Melville was by far the most distinguished author to use manavalins (White-jacket, 1850): "Various sea-rolls, made dishes and Mediterranean pies...all of which come under the general denomination of Manavalins." Melville had served as a common sailor on the frigate USS United States in 1843; his publishers, Harper & Bros., sent copies of White-jacket to every member of Congress in order to show the brutality and arbitrariness of flogging. Congress outlawed flogging in 1850. Manavelins entered English in the first half of the 19th century.
Example: All around him there was noise—traders calling wares, seamen slinging shanties as they hauled at cables, gulls cawing as they swooped for manavilins of fish.— RORY CLEMENTS, TRAITOR, 2012.

THE ODD WORD

Macrobian

Long-lived.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wet behind the ears

Meaning: The meaning of the phrase "Wet Behind the Ears" is someone who is very young, naive and inexperienced.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "Wet behind the ears" is debatable. Some say it comes from newborn babies who enter the world surrounded by amniotic fluid. Others say the phrase may have originated from newborn farm animals, where the mother has to lick the newborn dry, and one of the last places she dries is the area behind the ears. However the difference between the two, is the fact that when human babies are born, they are helpless, vulnerable and premature, relative to other species.
Example: "I can't believe they decided to promote Kelly. If you ask me, I think she's still wet behind the ears".

QUOTE BOX

The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.

—Ayn Rand

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

CADAVER
MY

Answer: Over my dead body.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Large volume
5 Last in a long line
8 IIM grads.
12 Cooking space
13 Old French coin
14 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
15 Shivaji and his descendants?
17 ___ of Arc : the Maid of Orleans?
18 Fur scarf
19 ___ on: Relied on
21 Muddle
24 Batsman Dravid or bowler Sanghvi
25 French cheese
26 Gambling town
27 Palestine plain
30 Christian Evidence Soc.
31 Run-down
32 Irritate
33 Cal. month
34 Bodily troubles
35 Withered like a leaf
36 Persuades or induces
38 Protective garment
39 Getting beaten
41 Automobile
42 Org.
43 Collections of records
48 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
49 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
50 "Oran" anagram to get a girl's name?
51 Famous French Marquis, "ades" anagram?
52 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
53 Small shoot of tree

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

W	H	A	M	■	I	C	C	■	H	E	M	S
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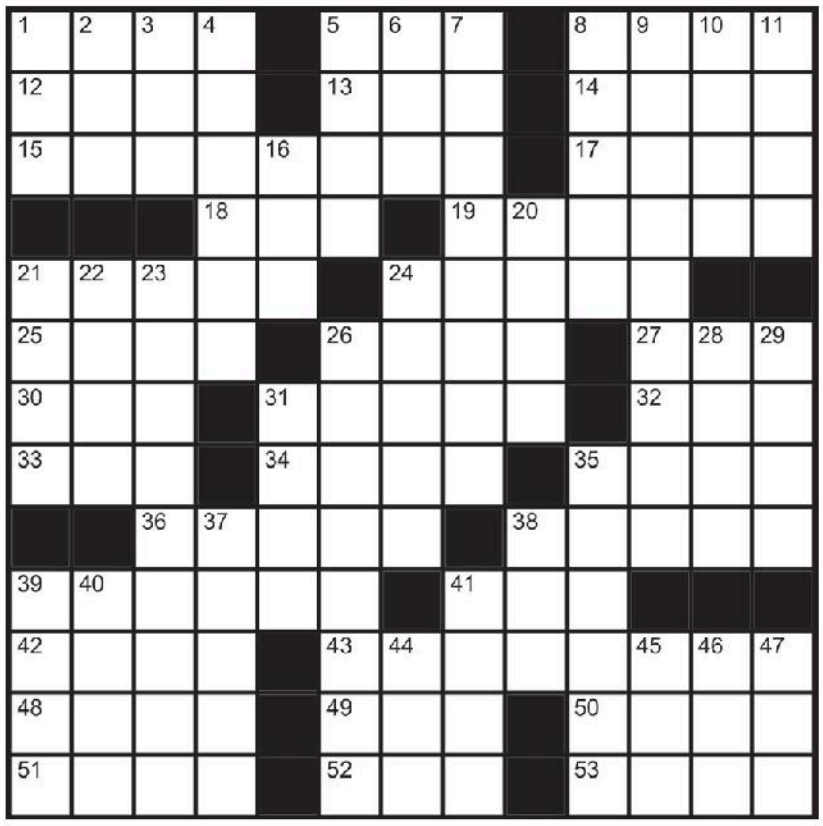
DOWN

1 Male cat
2 Eggs
3 'Sea' in French
4 Make possible; authorise
5 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
6 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
7 Wives' spouses
8 Laila's counterpart
9 A bibliophile? (4,5)
10 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
11 Beach gravel
16 Part of a shoe
20 Sailor's call
21 Alphabetical start
22 Suffer or endure - "reed" anagram?
23 Talked about
24 Staggers
26 Assign to an obscure position
28 Fiddling emperor
29 Cattle
31 Mark or symbol
35 Speed away
37 Wash; clean
38 Exclamation of surprise
39 Experiment rooms in schools
40 Greek peak
41 202 in Roman numerals
44 Hit sharply
45 Promise
46 Gad's son ?
47 Hang down unevenly or loosely



SUDOKU

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		6					2	
		3	5		7	1		
	8					3		
6	3				8	9		
	7	4						
1				5	9			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	3	9	5	1	8	6	4
8	6	5	4	2	3	9	7	1
4	1	9	7	8	6	2	5	3
5	9	8	3	6	7	1	4	2
1	7	6	2	4	8	5	3	9
2	3	4	1	9	5	7	8	6
3	5	7	6	1	9	4	2	8
9	8	2	5	3	4	6	1	7
6	4	1	8	7	2	3	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RFS OGW JXZGI G JXZZL QGWR EKQZJ

ASE RFS OGW JHKW XKQ FWTR FWOZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Maturity is a bitter disappointment for which no remedy exists, unless laughter can be said to remedy anything.

'SAMBAV: Health Professionals as Mental Health Facilitators'

Symposia to augment mental health services held

Mysuru, June 23- The psychological impact on millions of people due to COVID-19 pandemic can be devastating. The psychological impact can be from stress or economic socio occupational disruption and people may suffer from fear of infection, anger, anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, increased substance use, or relapse of psychiatric disorders.

This can be of great concern for India, which already has high mental health morbidity, with 197.3 million people affected which includes 45.7 million due to depression and 44.9 million due to anxiety, according to Government of India, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), global burden study 2017.

There have been media reports about suicide related to COVID scenario in India and case studies on self harm reported. It is in this background, there is an urgent need to consider a plan of action for mitigating the psychological impact of COVID outbreak in the coming months and to enable psychological recovery of people in India. It is a matter of concern that India has the lowest number of mental health experts according to WHO mental health atlas 2017, there are 0.4 psychiatrists per

1,00,000 populations. Hence, it is imperative to consider the empowerment of available human resources. Imparting training to Health Professionals as Mental Health Facilitators across the country can be one of the feasible ways to build a human resource that enables psychological support for millions of affected people in the COVID-19 crisis and during the aftermath of pandemic, particularly in coming months.

JSS Medical College (JSS MC), JSS Academic Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, had organised two-day symposia to augment mental health services, 'SAMBAV: Health Professionals as Mental Health Facilitators.'

More than 300 delegates participated in this online interactive event, facilitated by multidisciplinary experts in mental health from India and abroad led by Prof. Mohan Isaac of University of Western Australia, who chaired and moderated the sessions.

Dr. M. Kishor, P.K. Sudheep, Dr. K. Kiran Kumar, Dr. H.R. Vinay and Dr. Praveen Kulkarni were the resource persons.

JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Prof. B. Suresh emphasised the need to study resilience in Indian context. JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh called for more efforts to enhance mental health services. JSS AHER Registrar and JSS MC Principal & Dean Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa called for addressing fear and anxiety among public health due to misinformation. JSS Hospital Director Dr. (Col.) M. Dayananda emphasised on the need to address frontline workers, who have faced challenges. Dr. Rajesh Raman, Head of Psychiatry, JSS MC and Prof. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Indian Psychiatric Society, commended the initiative.

Dr. M.N. Suma, Vice-Principal, JSS MC, supported the entire organisation of symposia. Dr. M. Kishor, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at JSS MC, JSS AHER, organised the symposia.

Based on delegates' requests, the proceedings of symposia are being made available on the official YouTube platform of JSS AHER.

Shabd 2021: 15th edition of Inter-Collegiate Literary and Art Competition held online

Mysuru, June 23- Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar, a renowned Indian director, actor, screenwriter and lyricist predominantly working in Kannada Cinema, inaugurated the 15th edition of the Inter-Collegiate Literary and Art Competition, Shabd 2021, organised by JSS Science and Technology University (JSS S&TU - SJCE) recently. This was the first online edition of the Fest and had to be held online due to the State-wide lockdown.

In his inaugural speech, Nagathihalli spoke about his appreciation of the annual college magazine (Jayzine) and of the variety of articles, the humorous footers, the beautiful photos, artwork and also included a notable mention to the Kannada special section.

He brought up a whole new perspective to the word 'Shabd'. He also stressed how important art is in our lives and how we cannot carry on without it, and how necessary a balance of the right and left side of the brain is. Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar also gave the crowd insight into the cinema industry and how his love for writing is the reason he could become such a renowned director through a Question-and-Answer session held at the end of the inauguration.

A large number of people gathered to watch the live stream of the online inauguration, held safely from the comfort of everyone's homes. Faculty members and students alike were intrigued to hear and ask questions to the award-winning director. The other dignitaries present were Registrar of JSS S&TU Dr. S.A. Danaraj,

Cine Director Dr. Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar releasing the cover of annual college magazine 'Jayzine' during the 15th edition of the Inter-Collegiate Literary and Art Competition, Shabd 2021.

Principal of SJCE Dr. S.B. Kivade, Staff coordinator of SJCE Editorial Board Prof. Vanishri Arun and the three student Editors-in-Chief of JSS S&TU Editorial Board — Bhavana Tiyauura, Santosh Satish and Sharvari S. Sosale.

Vinay compered. Vadiraj rendered invocation. Sanchitha welcomed. Bhavana, Santosh and Sharvari presented the annual report of the Editorial Board. Prof. Vanishri introduced the chief guest which was followed by the release of the annual magazine cover, Jayzine.

Dr. S.A. Danaraj spoke about the creativity of the Board and reiterated the importance of art and literature. Dr. S.B. Kivade urged everyone to stay safe during these difficult times. This was followed by a Q&A session with the chief guest. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Vadiraj.

Shabd was started in 2006 by the members of the Editorial Board of JSS S&TU with an intention to encourage the literary and art skills of students. JSS S&TU was the first institution to start a literary and art fest in Karnataka among Engineering Colleges and it continues to be the only engineering college doing so till date.

Creative Writing, Debate, Love Letter Writing, Quiz, Poetry, Pick and Speak, Build Your Character, Bamboozled, and Picture Connect in Kannada and English, and Photobashing, Photography, Pencil Sketching, Painting and Spot Painting in Art were the events spread over the two days of the Fest — June 5 and 6.

Around 2,500 participants had registered for the Fest.

AICTE revises 2021 academic calendar

Classes to begin in September

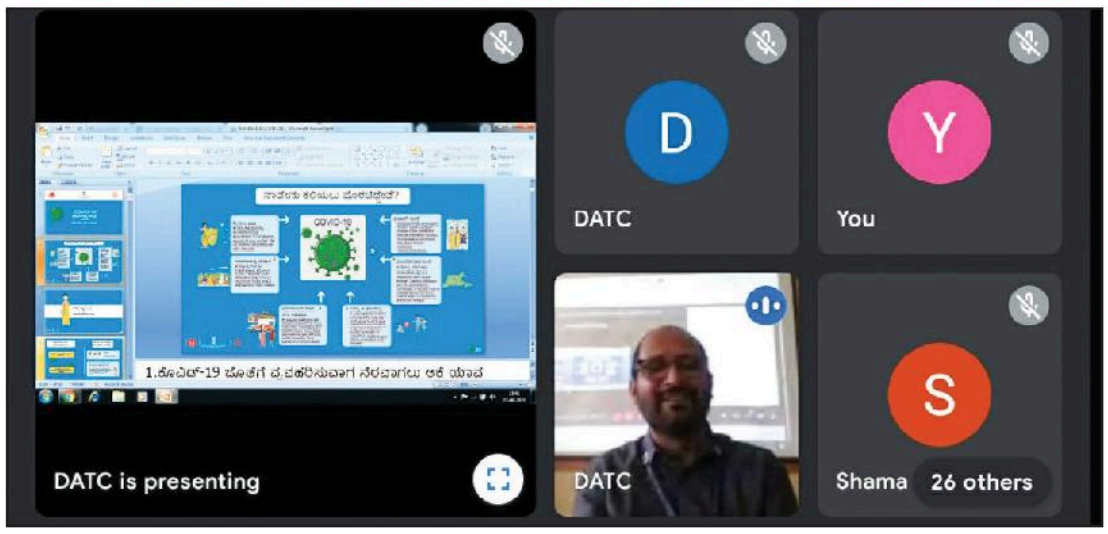
New Delhi, June 23- All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has released the revised AICTE Academic Calendar for sessions 2021-22 on its official site ***aicte-india.org***

The last date of Grant of Approval to technical institutes, standalone PGDM and PGCM courses, and institutions offering ODL and online courses for this academic year is now June 30, 2021. Further, the last date of the Grant of Affiliation by the University or Board is July 15, 2021.

As per the revised calendar, the first round of counselling will conclude on Aug. 31 and the classes of technical courses will commence by Sept. 1. The first-year classes for technical courses will start on Sept. 15. The last date for cancellation of seats for technical courses with a full fee refund is Sept. 10. Commencement of classes for existing and new students in standalone PGDM/ PGCM institutes will be from Aug. 2. Last date for admission is Aug. 11. Last date for cancellation of admission (PGDM/ PGCM) including full fee refund is Aug. 6.

The classes may be started in online or offline or blended mode following the prescribed protocols or guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Technical Institutes and Universities need to adhere to the safety guidelines issued by the UGC, GoI and AICTE issued from time to time to contain the spread of Coronavirus.

Vaccination prevents death from COVID: Health Education Officer



Mysuru, June 23 (RKB&SSV)- S. Prakash, Mysuru Divisional Health Education Officer, Department of Health and Family Welfare, has said it is possible to escape from death if vaccinated. The Coronavirus has come for only 0.5 percent of the total vaccinated persons but all of them have survived.

He was speaking in an online programme on the subject 'Preventive steps to be taken by farmers during Corona and importance of vaccination' organised by Department of Health and Family Welfare and District Agriculture Training Centre, Naganahalli, here yesterday.

Prakash said by taking vaccine, they can protect themselves from COVID-19 and also check its spreading. After taking two doses of vaccine, immunity will increase in body. However, the Corona positive patients have to wait for a minimum period of three months to get vaccination. The people must compulsorily carry Aadhaar Card or any other ID card issued by State or Central Governments to the nearest vaccination sites in villages to get vaccinated. This will help in making villages free from the pandemic, he added.

He called upon the members of Farmers' organisations to create awareness among people in villages about Coronavirus, and arrange for vaccination for senior citizens. The Government of India has announced a free vaccination drive for people in the age group of 18 to 44 years and everyone must take advantage of the same. Help must be rendered without ill-treating them. What they look forward was confidence, Prakash said.

The resource person said they lost many senior citizens during the first wave of Corona and many youths in Second wave. Need of the hour was to put up a fight against the pandemic.

Later, he answered questions pertaining to the importance of mask, sanitiser, social distancing, line of treatment for positive patents, dealing with mental stress, diet, testing centres and vaccination for people with comorbidities and gap between the first and the second vaccine.

Dr. Shyamsundar, senior researcher, JSS Hospital, Mysuru, also answered questions from farmers. Yogesh from District Agriculture Training Centre, Naganahalli and others were present.

Can liquor be consumed after vaccination?

There are rumours about consuming liquor after taking vaccine. It is better to stay away from booze at least for a month. This will help in improving immunity in body. Several departments are working day and night to check the spreading of pandemic. In the interest of society, villagers must take vaccine to make rural areas free from Corona.

—S. Prakash, Mysuru Divisional Health Education Officer, Department of Health and Family Welfare

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